Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1857.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th of September, A. D. 1857, R. A. M. 2387.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL HARWOOD, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. WENDELL T. DAVIS, .	Grand King.
" JOHN ANDREWS, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. WYZEMAN MARSHALL, .	Grand Captain of the Host.
" ISAAC P. SEAVEY, . .	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" SAMUEL MASON, JR., .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" SYLVESTER BAXTER, .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" JOHN KILTON, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" GEORGE H. RICE, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" CHESTER SANDERSON, .	Junior Grand Steward.
M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand Lecturer.
Comp. JOHN MCCLELLAN, .	Committee of Finance.
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

THOMAS TOLMAN, HENRY EARL,

EDW'D A. RAYMOND, JONA. G. JOHNSON,
ROBERT KEITH, ABRAHAM A. DAME,
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Franklin, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Concord, Mount Horeb, Mount Lebanon, St. John's, and the Chapter of the Shekinah.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read and approved.

The following petition, accompanied by the By-Laws and Records of Orient Royal Arch Chapter, was presented, and referred to M.E. Comps. Keith, Hutchinson, and Raymond:

HYANNIS, September 7, 1857.

To the M.E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:

The petition of the undersigned of Orient Chapter, located at Hyannis, in Barnstable, respectfully represents, that they have been working under a Warrant or Dispensation from your honorable body since September last, and in order that they may be enabled to conduct the business of Royal Arch Masonry in a methodical and systematic manner, do now respectfully request, that you will grant them a Charter, and consecrate their Chapter, and install its officers agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter in such cases made and provided—and that you may be pleased to appoint Sylvester Baxter, the first High Priest; John O. Thayer, first King; John A. Baxter, first Scribe—and, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Phineas Berry, Sylvester Baxter, Hartson Hallett, Allen Baxter, John O. Thayer, John A. Baxter, George W. Parker, Henry Coombs, S. R. Rogers, N. D. Kelley, J. K. Baker, Bernard O'Neal, C. H. Waterman, William E. Ansell, R. S. Pope, John H. Frost, Higgins Crowell, H. W. Rugg, J. P. Hallett, Elisha Bacon.

The Committee having considered the subject referred to them, reported, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and this report was unanimously accepted.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Lovell, it was *Voted*, That the Committee on Work and Lectures, appointed on the 14th of October last, be now discharged.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter to consider the expediency of repealing the fifth Article of the "Particular Regulations," reported in favor of striking out the first clause of the Article in question, and retaining the remainder of said Article, all after the word "And," and this report was accepted.

M.E. Comp. Dame, in a few brief and appropriate remarks, announced the decease of our M.E. and venerated Comp. Elias Haskell, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, which event took place this day, in the 90th year of his age.

Whereupon it was *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions in token of respect to the memory of our departed associate, and report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Comps. Abraham A. Dame, Thomas Tolman, and Thomas Waterman, were nominated and appointed to serve on said Committee.

The first twelve officers of the Grand Chapter were appointed a delegation to attend the funeral of Comp. Haskell, and accompany his remains to Mount Auburn Cemetery. The expenses of the delegation to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

It having been reported that Sutton Chapter had made no return to the Grand Chapter for the past three years, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to notify said Chapter of their delinquency, and request them to forward the necessary returns and pay up their dues.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that he had visited some of the Subordinate Chapters during the past year, and granted several Dispensations for conferring degrees.

M.E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report on the state of the finances of the Grand Chapter, viz:

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, have carefully examined the same, and would respectfully report, that they find the accounts very carefully kept and properly vouched. His receipts are—

Cash on hand from last year,	$100 92	
Cash received from various sources,	1,101 50	—$1,202 42
Expended for various bills, charities and investments, as per vouchers,	$605 16	
Cash on hand to new account,	597 26	—$1,202 42

In conformity to custom, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services.

WILLIAM PARKMAN,
JOHN MCCLELLAN,
WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
Committee of Finance.

Boston, Sept. 8, 1857.

The foregoing report having been read, was unanimously accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. Comps. Marshall, Train, and Frink, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, and M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, both declined a re-election.

The following companions were then duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names, viz:

M.E. Wendell T. Davis,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. John R. Bradford,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. William Parkman,	Grand King.
" Joel Spalding,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. John F. Fellows,	Gr. Captain of the Host.
" James Kimball,	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" Samuel Mason, Jr.,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" Wm. S. Batchelder,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" Sylvester Baxter,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" Israel F. Crafts,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" Peter C. Jones,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

The first four officers elected as above, with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, were duly installed, when it was *Voted*, That the installation of the other Grand Officers be postponed to the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Lovell, it was *Voted*, That the mode of work on the Royal Arch degree, as exhibited by him this evening, be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the work on the Past Master's degree be the same as heretofore, divesting it of all levity.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest cause the work, as now established by this Grand Chapter, to be adopted by the several Chapters under this jurisdiction.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Earl, it was *Voted*, That the expenses of the Grand Officers, incurred in visiting the Subordinate Chapters, be paid by the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint one or more Grand Lecturers, with authority to

visit the several Chapters under the jurisdiction; their expenses to be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The following appointments were announced from the Chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Rev. Wm. Horton of Newburyport, Grand Chaplain.	
M.E. and Rev. Stephen Lovell of Boston, Grand Lecturer.	
Comp. Chester Sanderson,	Senior Grand Steward.
" Edward A. Frink,	Junior Grand Steward.
" John McClellan,	Committee of Finance.
" Wyzeman Marshall,	
" Solon Thornton,	
" William C. Martin,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the General Grand Secretary of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, viz:

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Tuesday, the 8th of September, 1857, when the following Grand Officers were duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:

Wendell T. Davis of Greenfield,	Grand High Priest.
John R. Bradford of Boston,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
William Parkman of Boston,	Grand King.
Joel Spalding of Lowell,	Grand Scribe.
John F. Fellows of Chelsea,	Grand Captain of the Host.
James Kimball of Salem,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Mason, Jr. of Boston,	Grand R. A. Captain.

W. S. Batchelder, . . .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
Sylvester Baxter of Hyannis,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
Israel F. Crafts of Boston,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
Peter C. Jones of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman of Boston,	Grand Secretary.

The following Chapters are under our jurisdiction, viz:

St. Andrew's, ...	Boston.
King Cyrus, ...	Newburyport.
Washington, ...	Salem.
Adoniram, ...	New Bedford.
Morning Star, ...	Springfield.
St. Paul's, ...	Boston.
Mount Zion, ...	Stoughton.
Thomas, ...	Fitchburg.
Franklin, ...	Greenfield.
Worcester, ...	Worcester.
Northampton, ...	Northampton.
Concord, ...	Framingham.
Mount Horeb, ...	Lowell.
Sutton, ...	Sutton.
Mount Lebanon, ...	Milford.
St. John's, ...	East Boston.
Chapter of the Shekinah, . .	Chelsea.
Orient, ...	Hyannis.
Pentucket, ...	Haverhill.

Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts,
Boston, 28th September, 1857.

To Benj. B. French, Esq., *General Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Washington, D. C.*

M.E. Companion: I transmit herewith a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the current Masonic year, together with a list of the Chapters under our jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be, respectfully and fraternally

your ob't servant and Companion,

Thomas Waterman, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th December, A. D. 1857, R. A. M. 2387.

Present:

M.E. Wendell T. Davis,	Grand High Priest.
E. William Parkman,	Grand King.
" Joel Spalding, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Stephen Lovell, . .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" Joseph Bedlow, . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" Samuel Mason, Jr., .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" Sylvester Baxter, .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" John McClellan, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" Israel F. Crafts, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" Peter C. Jones, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, .	Grand Secretary.
" Chester Sanderson, .	Senior Grand Steward.
" Edward A. Frink, .	Junior Grand Steward.
" Wyzeman Marshall,	Committee of Finance.
" Solon Thornton,	
" Samuel Millard, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
" Wm. C. Martin, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

Paul Dean,	Abraham A. Dame,
John B. Hammatt,	James W. Crooks,
Daniel Harwood,	Ebenezer W. Tolman,
Thomas Tolman,	Sam'l K. Hutchinson,
Robert Keith,	Jonathan G. Johnson,

John Flint.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Franklin, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Concord, Mount Horeb, Mount Lebanon, St. John's, Chapter of the Shekinah, and Orient.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read and approved.

The Grand Treasurer reported, that Sutton Royal Arch Chapter had made the necessary return, and paid its dues to this Grand Chapter, in conformity with the Grand Regulations.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from M.E. John R. Bradford, in which he declines accepting the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, to which he had been elected at the last annual meeting.

Whereupon, it was *Voted* to proceed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non-acceptance of M.E. Comp. Bradford.

M.E. Comps. Harwood, McClellan and Baxter, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. This Committee subsequently reported, that M.E. TRACY P. CHEEVER was unanimously elected Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter he had authorized M.E. Comp. Stephen Lovell to proceed to Hyannis, and consecrate Orient Chapter and install its officers. The commission to Comp. Lovell is as follows, viz:

To M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, *Past Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

GREETING:

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Masonic acquirements and abilities, I do hereby appoint and commission you to proceed to the village of Hyannis, in the town of Barnstable, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at such time as may suit your convenience, then and there by Committee or otherwise to examine the officers, the By-Laws and records of Orient Royal Arch Chapter; and if found correct, you are hereby authorized and empowered to consecrate the Chapter aforesaid, and install its officers in due and ancient form.

In the inspection of their Work and Lectures, should you find any innovations, or deviations, from the established rules of our Grand Chapter, you will correct the same, as uniformity of Work and Lectures is an object most worthy to be preserved.

You are also authorized to select such companions, Royal Arch Masons, as you may deem proper, to fill the various offices necessary to compose a Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and all your doings in the above premises shall be legal and valid. And you will make an exact return of them to me in due time thereafter.

Given under my hand, with the seal of our Grand Chapter affixed, at Boston, this twenty-second day of October, A. D. 1857.

WENDELL T. DAVIS, *Grand High Priest*
[Seal.] *of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts.*

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Pursuant to authority granted in the foregoing commission, M.E. Comp. Lovell appointed a Committee of examination, as follows, viz:

To Comps. Wyzeman Marshall, John A. Cummings, and Chas. O. Eaton:—

You are hereby appointed a Committee to examine the records and By-Laws of Orient Chapter, also the competency of its officers, to confer the several degrees belonging to Royal Arch Masonry agreeably to the mode of Work and Lectures approved by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and make report thereof before the consecration of said Chapter.

STEPHEN LOVELL, *Past Gr. High Priest,*
Commissioned to consecrate and install Orient Chapter.

Boston, October 27, 1857.

This Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported as follows, viz:

To the M.E. Past Grand High Priest:—

The Committee appointed to examine the records and By-Laws of Orient Chapter, also to examine the competency of their officers and their mode of work, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to report, that they find everything correct and satisfactory.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
JOHN A. CUMMINGS,
CHARLES O. EATON, } *Committee.*

Boston, October 27, 1857.

To WENDELL T. DAVIS, Esq., *M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—Agreeably to your commission, and according to your instructions, I took with me Comps. Wyzeman Marshall, John A. Cummings, Justin E. Cook, and Charles O. Eaton, and repaired to Hyannis, in Barnstable, on the 27th of October last, to constitute Orient Chapter and install its officers.

The day was exceedingly unfortunate on account of a violent storm, but a sufficient number of companions assembled to meet the legal requirement.

A Committee appointed to examine the Work, Lectures and doings of the companions composing that Chapter while under a Dispensation, reported favorably, and the Chapter was then consecrated in due form; after which, the officers were regularly installed into their respective offices, Comp. Sylvester Baxter, being the first High Priest.

Respectfully yours, STEPHEN LOVELL.

Boston, Dec. 7, 1857.

The M.E. Grand High Priest submitted the following report of M.E. Comp. Lovell, viz:

BOSTON, Dec. 7, 1857.

To WENDELL T. DAVIS, Esq., *M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—In accordance with your appointment, I visited Pentucket Chapter, working under a Dispensation, at Haverhill, Mass., and witnessed their work of the several degrees; I was exceedingly gratified with the appearance of things. The officers are well qualified for the proper discharge of their duties, and those who have been made Royal Arch Masons are men of much promise; indeed I have never seen a Chapter working under a Dispensation presenting fairer prospects. The system of work pursued by them is that sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, in which they are giving every possible attention to perfect themselves to the letter. It is my view that they should be consecrated under a Charter.

Yours truly, STEPHEN LOVELL.

A petition signed by sundry officers and members of the late King Hiram Chapter, of Greenwich, praying that the Charter of said Chapter may be restored to them, and they permitted to organize and hold the same in the town of Palmer, was presented and referred to Comps. Wm. H. L. Smith, W. Marshall, E. A. Frink, D. Harwood, and ——— Reynolds. This Committee subsequently reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and this report was accepted.

On motion of M.E. Comp. McClellan, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure such diplomas as may be wanted, and supply the Subordinate Chapters with the same, without charge.

M.E. Comp. Tolman, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to draft suitable resolutions on the death of M.E. Comp. ELIAS HASKELL, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed at our last communication in September, to whom was referred the announcement then made of the decease of our worthy and venerable Comp. Elias Haskell, ask leave to report the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That we desire to place on our records, a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of one, who during a long life was distinguished for unblemished integrity, and an ardent attachment to our fraternity. He was born April 2, 1768; and consequently at the time of his death, in September last, was nearly ninety years of age. A Committee of twelve companions, appointed by this Grand Chapter, attended the funeral obsequies, and accompanied the remains of our departed friend to their final resting place, at Mount Auburn.

During the years of 1844 and 1845, Comp. Haskell held the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and he was a member of the Committee of Finance for the term of eighteen years in succession. In the years 1833, 1834 and 1835, he was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, fourteen years. In all these stations, and many others, in subordinate Masonic bodies, of which he was a member, he so discharged his duties as to reflect honor on himself, and promote the interest and welfare of our ancient and benevolent Institution.

Resolved, That the unwavering fidelity with which he adhered to the fraternity in the dark hour of anti-masonic persecution, should never be forgotten by those who are now basking in the meridian sunshine of prosperity.

When he held the office of Senior Grand Warden, the excitement against us had not wholly ceased, and it was fortunate for us all at that critical period, that a citizen possessing a pure, moral and christian character, and so well known and universally respected in the community, was selected to represent the pillar of strength, —a pillar which thus far has stood firm and unshaken, notwithstanding the fruitless efforts of whole armies of sappers and miners to subvert it.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the aged widow and family of our deceased companion in their bereavement, and that the Secretary be directed to furnish them with a copy of these resolutions.

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
THOMAS TOLMAN,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
} *Committee.*

Boston, Dec. 7, 1857.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed the following companions a Committee of Charity for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:

THOMAS WATERMAN, EDWARD P. GRAVES,
JOHN F. FELLOWS.

M.E. Comp. Stephen Lovell, Past Grand High Priest, was called to the Chair, and installed the following officers in due and ancient form, viz:

M.E. TRACY P. CHEEVER, . Deputy Grand High Priest, by J. McClellan, proxy.
Comp. JOHN F. FELLOWS, . Grand Captain of the Host, by S. K. Hutchinson, proxy.
" JAMES KIMBALL, . . Gr. Principal Sojourner, by James Bedlow, proxy.
" SAMUEL MASON, Jr., . Grand R. A. Captain.
" WM. L. BATCHELDER, . Grand Master 3d Vail, by J. W. Crooks, proxy.
" SYLVESTER BAXTER, . Grand Master 2d Vail, by E. P. Graves, proxy.
" ISRAEL F. CRAFTS, . . Grand Master 1st Vail.
" CHESTER SANDERSON, . Senior Grand Steward.
" EDWARD A. FRINK, . Junior Grand Steward.
Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, . . Grand Chaplain, by Samuel Millard, proxy.
Comp. WILLIAM C. MARTIN, . Grand Tyler.

The usual proclamation was then made.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Thornton, it was *Voted*, That the work on the Past Master's degree be referred to a Committee, to consider and report at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed Comps. Solon Thornton, Stephen Lovell, and Wyzeman Marshall, to constitute the Committee.

M.E. Comp. Thornton, submitted the following proposition, viz: That the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, may dispense with the use of all the regalia now used in conferring the Royal Arch degree, except jewels, aprons, and swords. This proposition having been read, was committed to Comps. Wm. H. L. Smith, Solon Thornton, and Andrew Lanergan.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1857. The Grand Chapter assembled at half-past 9 o'clock, and was called from refreshment to labor; the work on the several degrees was exhibited, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

Charter to Pentucket Chapter dated 8th December, 1857, and granted to Geo. W. George, High Priest; George T. Lancaster, King; Calvin Howe, Scribe; Rowland H. Macy, Hazen Morse, R. T. Slocomb, Geo. W. Campbell, James B. Chandler, F. J. Stevens, and Alfred G. Taggart.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th of March, A. D. 1858, R. A. M. 2388.

PRESENT:

M.E. WENDELL T. DAVIS,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. TRACY P. CHEEVER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN MCCLELLAN,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. JOHN F. FELLOWS,	Gr. Captain of the Host.
" JAMES KIMBALL,	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" SAMUEL MASON, Jr.,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" WM. L. BATCHELDER,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" ALONZO ANDREWS,	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" EDWIN BARNES,	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" CHESTER SANDERSON,	Senior Grand Steward.
" SOLON THORNTON,	Committee of Finance.
" WM. C. MARTIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

ROBERT KEITH, ABRAHAM A. DAME,
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Franklin, St. Paul's, Thomas, Worcester, Concord, Sutton, Mount Lebanon, St. John's, Chapter of the Shekinah, Orient, and Pentucket.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

On motion of M.E. Comp. McClellan, it was *Voted*, That

the sum of fifty dollars be granted to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, to be expended in charity.

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted Miss Martha Gage, daughter of our late Comp. Jonathan Gage of Newburyport, as a charitable donation.

The following report was presented by M.E. Comp. Lovell, which was read and accepted, viz:

To Wendell T. Davis, Esq., *Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts:*

Dear Sir and M.E. Companion.—Having received from you a commission to institute Pentucket Chapter, and having arranged with the High Priest of that Chapter, in regard to the time, (on the 15th of the present month,) I took with me Comps. Wyzeman Marshall, John K. Hall, Samuel Mason, Jr., and Chas. O. Eaton, and repaired to Haverhill, when, with the assistance of several companions from King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, we formed a Grand Chapter, and duly consecrated Pentucket R. A. Chapter under a Charter, and then installed their officers.

It was an exceedingly interesting occasion; the companions of Pentucket Chapter receiving your representative and his associates with the utmost cordiality, and treated them with the greatest politeness and attention.

This new Chapter has done a large amount of work, while under a Dispensation, which is evidently of the right character, and every thing presents the most encouraging promise.

With due respect, yours,

January 22, 1858. Stephen Lovell.

M.E. Comp. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, presented the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, in December last, to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable in the work of the Past Master's degree, would make the following report, viz:

That as there is always among Masons a strong attachment to long established forms and customs, and therefore it may not be satisfactory to some of the Chapters in this Commonwealth and many of the older companions, to change the mode of conferring the Past Master's degree, it is inexpedient to require them so to do.

But as some of the Chapters may conceive that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry can be better promoted by having less ceremony in this degree, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in conferring the Past Master's degree, the High Priest of each Chapter may, if he judge best, reduce the ceremonies to the smallest possible compass without marring the essentials of the degree—provided, that while the candidate should always be elected to the Chair, that election may be either by ballot or by hand vote, as may be preferred.

Respectfully submitted,

Solon Thornton,
Stephen Lovell,
Wyzeman Marshall, } *Committee.*

Boston, March 9, 1858.

M.E. Wm. H. L. Smith, in behalf of the Committee, to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the proposition to dispense with some part of the regalia in conferring the Royal Arch degree, presented a report, which was amended, and then adopted as follows, viz:

The Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, may, if they choose so to do, dispense with the use of all the regalia now used in conferring the Royal Arch degree, except jewels, aprons and swords.

A motion was made, that a vote passed at the last annual meeting, on the 8th September, 1857, relative to the mode of work in conferring the Royal Arch degree, be rescinded; the subject was debated, a vote taken, and decided in the negative.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that since the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, he had visited several of the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction and found them in a prosperous condition.

The Grand Treasurer announced the fact, that all the Chapters under the jurisdiction had made their returns for the past year, and paid their dues.

The Grand Secretary gave notice, that since the last meeting, the printed Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters had been received, viz:—Virginia, Illinois, South Carolina, Arkansas, Kentucky, New York, Iowa, Maryland, Texas, California, Wisconsin and Mississippi.

The Grand Secretary presented and read a communication from a newly organized Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada; this communication was committed to the Council of this Grand Chapter to consider and report at the next stated meeting.

M.E. Comps. Cheever, Jones, and Smith, were appointed a Committee to consider the best method of investing the funds of this Grand Chapter. The Committee aforesaid having considered the subject referred to them, offered the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of a proper mode of investment of the funds of this Grand Chapter, respectfully report, viz:

That there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the sum of *twenty-one hundred dollars* ($2100) invested in Bank stock, and of scrip of the city of Boston, and standing in the name of Peter C. Jones, Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; but that by reason of the fact, that this Grand Chapter is an unincorporated body, and consequently without a legal existence, and that by the accident of death, this property may be diverted from its rightful owners, and lost to this Grand Chapter, it is hereby recommended, that the Grand Chapter elect by ballot, three Trustees, one of whom shall be the Grand Treasurer for the time being, and whose term of service shall be *three* years, and that the Treasurer be required to make the necessary transfer of the funds in his hands, in order to vest the legal title in said Trustees.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
PETER C. JONES, } *Committee.*
WM. H. L. SMITH,

Boston, March 9, 1858.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for three Trustees, in accordance with the recommendation in the foregoing report, and M.E. Comps. Wm. H. L. Smith, Wm. Parkman, and Peter C. Jones, were unanimously elected.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, March 10, 1858. The Grand Chapter assembled and was called from refreshment to labor; the work on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees was exhibited, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th of June, A. D. 1858, R. A. M. 2388.

PRESENT:

M.E. TRACY P. CHEEVER,	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,	Grand King.
" JOHN MCCLELLAN,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. JOHN F. FELLOWS,	Grand Captain of the Host.
" WM. L. BATCHELDER,	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" ALONZO ANDREWS,	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" R. S. POPE,	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" SYLVESTER BAXTER,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" WM. H. L. SMITH,	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" CHESTER SANDERSON,	Senior Grand Steward.
" WYZEMAN MARSHALL, " SOLON THORNTON,	Committee of Finance.
" WM. C. MARTIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

EDW'D A. RAYMOND, HENRY EARL,
JOHN R. BRADFORD, ABRAHAM A. DAME,
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, St. Paul's, Thomas, Worcester, Northampton, Mount Lebanon, Chapter of the Shekinah, and Orient.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form, the records of the last stated meeting read and approved.

The Grand Treasurer reported, that the funds of the Grand Chapter had been transferred to the Trustees elected

at the last meeting, in accordance with a vote passed at that time.

M.E. Comp. McClellan presented the petition of Robert C. Brown, Joshua Remington, Jesse Eddy, Thomas D. Chaloner, Jonathan E. Morrill, Daniel Leonard, Samuel Keenan, Silas Williams, and James Whitaker, praying for a Warrant to authorize them to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Fall River, under the name and title of King Phillip's Chapter; this petition having been read, was committed to M.E. Comps. Thornton, Marshall, and Smith. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain companions at Fall River, for Warrant to meet as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, respectfully report, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted whenever the Grand High Priest shall be satisfied that the Grand Regulations have been complied with.

For the Committee, SOLON THORNTON.

M.E. Comps. Dame, McClellan and Fellows, were appointed a Committee to frame an additional Article to the Regulations of this Grand Chapter relative to the election of Trustees of the Funds.

M.E. Tracy P. Cheever, in behalf of the Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand R. A. Chapter of Canada, presented the following report, viz:

IN GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
June 8, 1858.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the last stated meeting of this Grand Chapter, a communication signed by William M. Wilson, and Thomas B. Harris, as seeming to be officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, and requesting a fraternal

recognition of its organization and character by this Grand Chapter, have attended to their duty, and respectfully report, viz:

That apart from all external evidence, in regard to the formation of this so called Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, upon which it seems to be needless to enter, the communication referred to, itself, exhibits conclusively the fact, that the body which thus claims to be recognized by us, was established and organized in direct violation of Masonic authority and usage. The Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend, that this Grand Chapter refuse the recognition asked for.

Voted, That the foregoing report be laid upon the table.

M.E. Comps. Wyzeman Marshall, John McClellan, and Wm. Parkman, were appointed a Committee to take charge of the regalia and furniture of the Grand Chapter, in case of removal from the Masonic Temple; and the same Committee were authorized to act in conjunction with other Masonic bodies of the city in procuring a suitable place for holding the meetings of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure from time to time, such number of diplomas as may be necessary to supply the wants of the Subordinate Chapters.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary, Boston.